What is claimed is:

1. An image processing apparatus including:

a function to place bits for describing information different from information of image data obtained by image processing on original image data, respectively in specific bit positions of pixel data at predetermined positions of said processed image.

2. An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pixels are dispersed at a plurality of predetermined positions on said image.

3. An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information different from information of said processed image data is information describing the contents of image processing performed on said original image data to obtain said processed image data.

4. An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information different from information of said processed image data is information describing time when said image processing is performed on original image data to obtain said processed image data.

5. An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said information different from

information for describing said processed image data is information describing time when said bits are placed.

6. An image processing method comprising:

a first step to obtain first processed image data by performing image processing on original image data; and

a second step to place bits for describing information different from information of said first processed image data respectively in specific bit positions of pixel data at predetermined positions of said first processed image.

7. An image processing method according to claim 6, wherein said pixels are dispersed at a plurality of predetermined positions on said image.

8. An image processing method according to claim 6, wherein said information different from information of said first processed image data is information describing the contents of image processing performed on said original image data to obtain said first processed image data.

9. An image processing method according to claim 6, wherein said information different from information of said first processed image data is information describing time when said first step is

performed.

10. An image processing method according to claim 6, wherein said information different from information of said first processed image data is information describing time when said second step is performed.

11. A recording medium in which a program for a computer is stored, wherein said program is one that enables the computer to perform the following processing:

placing bits for describing information different from information of image data, said processed image data being obtained by image processing on original image data, respectively in specific bit positions of pixel data at predetermined positions of said processed image.

12. A recording medium according to claim 11, wherein said pixels are dispersed at a plurality predetermined positions on said image.

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14. A recording medium according to claim 11, wherein said information different from information of said processed image data is information describing time when said image processing is performed on original image data to obtain said processed image data.

15. A recording medium according to claim 11, wherein said information different from information of said processed image data is information describing time when said bits are placed.

16. Image data characterized by bits for describing information different from information of processed image data obtained by image processing on original image data, which are placed respectively in specific bit positions of pixel data at predetermined positions of said processed image.

17. Image data according to claim 16, wherein said pixels are dispersed at a plurality of predetermined positions on said image.

18. Image data according to claim 16, wherein said information different from information of said processed image data is information describing the contents of image processing performed on said original image data to obtain said processed image data.

19. Image data according to claim 16, wherein

said information different from information of said processed image data is information describing time when said image processing is performed on said original image data to obtain said processed image data.

20. Image data according to claim 16, wherein said information different from information of said processed image data is information describing time when said bits are placed.

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